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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/227,025 filed on August 23, 2000

Inventor(s): MIZUNO, Masahiro; SUZUKI, Kazunari

For: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INFORMATION MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND SYSTEM CONTROL APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Thirty-six (36) pages
- ☒ Eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Sheet

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

a1 --This application claims priority on provisional Application No. 60/227,025 filed on August 23, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

- ☐ Other:

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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<b>TOTAL</b>			\$0.00	\$355.00

- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

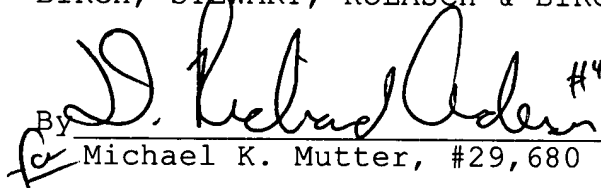
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Respectfully submitted,

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The above information is submitted to advise the U.S.P.T.O.  
of all relevant facts in connection with the present application.

A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.64 will follow.

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